

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A bund nut comprising a duct and a flange extending from ~~the~~ a periphery of the duct, the interior of the duct having a first area and a second area that are adjacent to each other, the first area being ~~closed~~ **closer** to the flange and forming a greater space than the second area, the second area having a peripheral wall which has screw threads formed thereon, the duct having a peripheral surface forming a latch section corresponding to the first area, the latch section having a plurality of spaced ribs;

wherein the first area and the second area join at a juncture which forms an annular ring with a ring surface inclined from the peripheral wall of the second area to ~~the~~ a peripheral wall of the first area, the latch section having an annular groove located above a top side of the annular ring.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Amended) The bund nut of claim 2 1, wherein the ring surface is inclined 45 degrees from the peripheral wall of the second area to the peripheral wall of the first area.

4. (Amended) The bund nut of claim 2 1, wherein the ring surface is inclined and extended to the peripheral surface of the duct where the annular groove is located.

5. (Original) The bund nut of claim 1, wherein the duct has an inclined peripheral surface formed between the top side of the annular ring and the flange.

6. (Newly Added) A bund nut comprising a duct and a flange extending from a periphery of the duct, the interior of the duct having a first area and a second area that are adjacent to each other, the first area being closer to the flange and forming a greater space than the second area, the second area having a peripheral wall which has screw threads formed thereon, the duct having a peripheral surface forming a latch section corresponding to the first area, the latch section having a plurality of spaced ribs, and

wherein the first area and the second area join at a juncture which forms an annular ring with a ring surface inclined from the peripheral wall of the second area to a peripheral wall of the first area, the latch section having an annular groove located above a top side of the annular ring, an inclined peripheral surface formed in inner and outer peripheries of the duct between the top side of the annular ring and the flange.

7. (Newly Added) The bund nut of claim 6, wherein the ring surface is inclined 45 degrees from the peripheral wall of the second area to the peripheral wall of the first area.

8. (Newly Added) The bund nut of claim 6, wherein the ring surface is inclined and extended to the peripheral surface of the duct where the annular groove is located.